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Serious issue that 30% of pupils distracted by mobile phones during lessons

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- [Press release: Serious issue that 30% of pupils distracted by mobile phones during lessons](#)

Government signed Artemis Accords on space exploration

16 April 2024 Minister for Education Mats Persson and US Ambassador Erik D. Ramanathan. Photo: Margareta Stridh/Regeringskansliet

On April 16, Minister for Education Mats Persson signed the Artemis Accords, a set of principles for exploration and conduct in space. This also enables Sweden to take part in the international US-led Artemis campaign.

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[Meeting of task force for Jewish life in Sweden](#)

On Tuesday 4 June, the task force for Jewish life in Sweden held its fourth meeting, which focused on education. Invited representatives of schools, universities, other higher education institutions and liberal adult education attended the meeting.

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[NASA Administrator Bill Nelson on Sweden joining the Artemis Accords](#)

On April 16 Minister for Education Mats Persson signed the Artemis Accords, a set of principles for exploration and conduct in space. During the ceremony NASA Administrator Bill Nelson delivered the following video remarks.

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[Sweden and US strengthen cooperation on research, innovation and education](#)

To improve the conditions for cooperation between Swedish and American universities, research institutions and businesses on research, innovation and education, Vinnova and the Swedish Research Council have signed a five-year memorandum of understanding with the National Science Foundation (NSF) of the United States of America.

Published 18 April 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Mats Persson](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

[Speech by Mats Persson at the signing of the Artemis Accords](#)

Speech by Minister for Education Mats Persson at the signing of the Artemis Accords, 16 April 2024. Check against delivery.

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[Government signs Artemis Accords on space exploration](#)

Today, Minister for Education Mats Persson signed the Artemis Accords, a set of principles for exploration and conduct in space. This also enables Sweden to take part in the international US-led Artemis campaign.

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[Inquiry on improving conditions for foreign doctoral students and researchers in Sweden and more reliable assessments of resident permits for studies](#)

An inquiry has been tasked with proposing measures to improve the prospects of attracting and retaining foreign doctoral students and researchers in Sweden. The aim is to strengthen Sweden's competitiveness as a research and innovation nation. The inquiry will also review the regulatory framework for residence permits for studies, with the aim of counteracting abuse of study permits.

Published 16 April 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Maria Malmer Stenergard](#), [Mats Persson](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#), [Ministry of Justice](#)

[New national strategy to strengthen crime prevention efforts](#)

To combat crime and increase security, investments in the judicial system and criminal law measures must be combined with effective and proactive crime prevention efforts. The Government has therefore presented a national strategy that focuses on social crime prevention measures. The aim includes preventing children and young people from becoming involved in criminal networks and other types of crime.

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[Agreement with United States promotes cancer research](#)

Sweden and the US have entered into a bilateral cooperation agreement on cancer research and care. The agreement builds on the cooperation agreement that the two countries concluded in 2016 with the aim of accelerating research results through increased exchange.

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[Strategy for Sweden's trade, investment and global competitiveness](#)

The strategy for Sweden's trade, investment and global competitiveness was presented on 1 December 2023.

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[Education the 2024 theme for task force for Jewish life in Sweden](#)

The task force for Jewish life in Sweden held its third meeting on Friday 9 February, with its discussions mainly focused on the 2024 theme of education. New representatives of the National Agency for Education and the Swedish National Council of Adult Education joined this meeting. The task force will also continue to address last year's theme of security in 2024.

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[Government investing in more reading time and less screen time](#)

Pupils' ability to read and understand what they read is the foundation of their learning in all school subjects. The Swedish Government's school policy aims to get back to basics and re-establish a strong knowledge-based school system with the focus in early grades on basic skills such as reading, writing and arithmetic. Digital learning aids should only be introduced in teaching at an age when they promote, rather than hamper, pupils' learning.

Published 08 February 2024 · [Article](#) from [Lotta Edholm](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

["How we are protecting Sweden from violent extremism and terrorism"](#)

Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, Minister for Energy, Business and Industry Ebba Busch, Minister for Employment and Integration Johan Pehrson and Minister for Justice Gunnar Strömmer, opinion piece, Dagens industri, 8 January 2024.

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[Sweden's latest astronaut in space](#)

The Government is looking to advance Sweden's position in the space sector, and overnight Marcus Wandt became the third Swede in space. Following a successful launch from Florida, he began his journey to the International Space Station.

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[Mats Persson visits United States to attend launch of Marcus Wandt space mission](#)

Minister for Education Mats Persson is visiting the United States on 15–20 January to attend the launch of a mission involving Sweden's latest astronaut, Marcus Wandt. Mr Persson will also visit New York for meetings and study visits with a focus on STEM education and research, technology and AI.

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[Government has adopted a new Strategy for Sweden's Trade, Investment and Global Competitiveness](#)

The Government has adopted a new trade strategy, with the objective of giving Swedish businesses the best possible conditions to both address emerging challenges and of harness business opportunities that arise in the green and digital transition.

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[Updated Swedish strategy to combat antibiotic resistance](#)

The Swedish Government has adopted an updated strategy to combat antibiotic resistance (AMR). The overarching goal continues to be preserving the possibility of effective treatment of bacterial infections in humans and animals. The strategy will apply until the end of 2025.

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[Increased funding to University of Gothenburg to combat antisemitism](#)

In light of international developments, the Government will increase its support to the University of Gothenburg which, via the Segerstedt Institute, spreads knowledge of working methods to combat antisemitism. This year, the Government will provide another SEK 1 million, and it intends to provide another SEK 3 million to support these efforts in 2024.

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[Meeting of task force for Jewish life in Sweden](#)

On Tuesday 14 November, the task force for Jewish life in Sweden held its second meeting. The task force works to improve the conditions for Jewish life, and prevent and combat antisemitism in Sweden.

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